

Rep. Lynn Woolsey
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Witness Biographies

Senator Max Cleland: Senator Cleland served in the U.S. Senate from 1997 to 2003, where he sat on four committees: Armed Services; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Governmental Affairs; and Small Business. Cleland had the distinction of serving as the youngest Secretary of State in Georgia's history (1982-1996), and the youngest member of the Georgia State Senate (1971-1975). Under President Jimmy Carter, Senator Cleland became the youngest head of the U.S. Veterans Administration. In that capacity, he instituted the revolutionary Vets Center program that, for the first time, offered psychological counseling to combat veterans to heal the emotional wounds of war. Senator Cleland volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1968. He was seriously wounded in a grenade explosion that year, costing him both legs and his right arm. He was awarded the Bronze Star and a Silver Star for gallantry in action.

General Joseph Hoar (Ret. USMC): General Hoar is the former commander-in-chief of U.S. Central Command. He retired from the Marine Corps in September 1994. His last active duty assignment was as commander-in-chief of United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. General Hoar has served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel and Administration at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California; Director of the Facilities and Services Division, Installations and Logistics Department, at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations at Marine Corps Headquarters; and Marine Corps Chief-of-Staff. General Hoar has received the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and gold star, and the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star.

Ambassador David Mack: Ambassador Mack is currently the Vice President of the Middle East Institute, an influential think tank that serves as an important conduit of information between Middle Eastern nations and American policymakers, organizations and the public. He served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates under the Reagan administration (1986-1989), where he was in charge of all U.S. government activities and over 150 civilian and military personnel. In this capacity he was also responsible for all diplomatic contacts with leaders of the U.A.E. Ambassador Mack served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs (1990-1993), during which time he provided political support for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and promoted U.S. business interests in the Arab world. Ambassador Mack has received the President's meritorious and distinguished service awards, the latter for work during the Gulf War with Iraq, and the State Department meritorious, superior and distinguished honor awards.

Mr. Anas Shallal: Mr. Shallal is an Iraqi-American and a Sunni Muslim. He was 11 when he moved from Iraq to the United States in 1966. Mr. Shallal is the founder of Iraqi-Americans for Peaceful Alternatives, co-founder of the Mesopotamia Cultural Society, and co-founder of The Peace Café, which promotes dialogue between Arabs and

Jews. He is also a spokesperson for the Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC), a Washington-based non-profit organization established in 1998 to promote freedom and democracy in Iraq. Mr. Shallal was recently awarded a "Peace Fellowship" with Seeds of Peace, working with a delegation of Arabs and Israelis to create a vision for peace in the Middle East. He currently lives in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and remains in close communication with family members and friends in Iraq.

Dr. Ken Katzman: Dr. Katzman has worked for the Congressional Research Service in the Library of Congress since 1991, where he serves as a senior Middle East analyst. His areas of specialization include Iraq, Iran, the Gulf states, Afghanistan, and terrorist groups operating in the Middle East and South Asia. In 1998, Dr. Katzman wrote expert working papers on the ballistic missile capabilities of Iraq and Iran for the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States. From 1989-1991, Dr. Katzman served as an analyst at Defense Systems, Inc., where he produced extensive analysis for clients in the defense and intelligence community. From 1985-89, he worked at the Central Intelligence Agency, where he was responsible for writing reports for U.S. policymakers on Iraq, Iran, and the Gulf states.

Professor Antonia Chayes: Ms. Chayes is the visiting professor of International Politics and Law at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. She is also the Director of the Project on International Institutions and Conflict Management at Harvard Law School. She previously served as an adjunct lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and helped to develop the Kennedy School's South Africa program. During the Carter administration, Ms. Chayes served as Under Secretary of the U.S. Air Force and as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Installations.